

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A computer method for editing a form, comprising:
displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user
5 that a control is available for the element;
upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, presenting the control for
user interaction; and
upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the
element with a new element responsive to user action.
- 10 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the form is a database query.
3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the form is a spreadsheet.
4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the element is part of a calculation.
5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the element is part of a formula.
6. The method of Claim 1, wherein the control is a list of choices.
- 15 7. The method of Claim 6, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.
8. The method of Claim 1, wherein the control is a dialog box.
9. The method of Claim 1, wherein the control is a text entry field.

10. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the
element with a new element responsive to user action, wherein
the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a
5 dialog box and a text entry field.
11. A computer system for editing a form, comprising:
a user interface for displaying information to a user and for accepting
input from the user;
a hyperlink displayed on the user interface for an element in the form, to
10 indicate to the user that a control is available for the element;
upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, the control displayed on the
user interface for user interaction; and
upon completion of user interaction with the control, a new element
responsive to user action replacing the element.
12. The computer system of Claim 11, wherein the control is selected from a group
15 of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.
13. A computer program product for editing a form, the computer program product
comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon,
including program code which:
20 displays a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that
a control is available for the element;
upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, presents the control for user
interaction; and
upon completion of user interaction with the control, replaces the
25 element with a new element responsive to user action.

14. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave for editing a form, comprising:
- 5 a program code segment for displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element;
- a program code segment for presenting, upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, the control for user interaction; and
- a program code segment for replacing, upon completion of user interaction with the control, the element with a new element responsive to user action.